



**NIFA Veterinary Medicine  
Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)**

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## Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be submitted under the authority of the chief State or Insular Area Animal Health Official

### Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

This form must be used for Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations to the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP), Authorized Under the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA)

**Note:** Please submit one separate nomination form for each shortage situation. See the State Animal Health Official section of the VMLRP web site ([www.nifa.usda.gov/vmlrp](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/vmlrp)) for the number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.

#### Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Location of Veterinary Shortage: Lander and Eureka Co North of I80, Elko Co  
(e.g., County, State/Insular Area; must be a logistically feasible veterinary practice service area)

Approximate Center of Shortage Area (or Location of Position if Type III): Elko (89801-3, 15, 24), Carlin (89801-2), Battle Mountain (89802), Beowawe (89821), Mountain City (89831), Owyhee (89832), Jackpot (89825), Deeth (89823), Halleck (89824), Lamoille (89828)  
(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

**Overall Priority of Shortage:** ☒ Moderate Priority ☐ High Priority ☐ Critical Priority

#### Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty (Choose only one Type)

☐ **Type I Shortage: Private Practice**  
Food Animal Medicine (awardee obligation: at least 80 percent time or 32 hr/week)

##### Must cover (check at least one)

- ☐ Beef Cattle  
☐ Dairy Cattle  
☐ Swine  
☐ Poultry  
☐ Small Ruminant  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

##### May cover

- ☐ Beef Cattle  
☐ Dairy Cattle  
☐ Swine  
☐ Poultry  
☐ Small Ruminant  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ **Type II Shortage: Private Practice – Rural Area**  
Food Animal Medicine (awardee obligation: at least 30 percent time or 12 hr/week)

##### Must cover (check at least one)

- ☒ Beef Cattle  
☐ Dairy Cattle  
☐ Swine  
☒ Poultry  
☒ Small Ruminant  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

##### May cover

- ☐ Beef Cattle  
☒ Dairy Cattle  
☒ Swine  
☐ Poultry  
☐ Small Ruminant  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Type III Shortage: Public Practice** (awardee obligation: at least 49 percent time or 19.6 hr/week)  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas:

- ☐ Food Safety  
☐ Public Health  
☐ Epidemiology  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the **importance and objectives** of a veterinarian filling this shortage situation as well as being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

The importance and objective of attracting a veterinarian to Lander and Eureka Co north of the I80 corridor and Elko Co is to fill gaps in all three counties (mostly beef cattle, 18,000 head in Eureka Co; 32,000 in Lander Co and 133,000 in Elko Co). The Duck Valley and Elko Reservations are part of this underserved area. There are currently 3 veterinary offices in Elko and one part time private practitioner in Deeth. All practice owners in the area have practiced for more than 20 years.

Please describe the **activities** of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

2008 Census indicates that there are 116 farms and ranches in Lander Co and 73 farms and ranches in Eureka Co, approximately 15% are north of the I80 corridor for most of the year. The two counties had 1,458 and 5,747 inhabitant, respectively at the time of the 2008 census, 15% of which live in this underserved area. Elko Co includes 397 farms and ranches and a total of 50,435 residents. All communities in this area have 4H programs; agriculture and mining are the primary source of income like in most rural areas in NV. Activities would include primarily beef cattle herd health programs, but also a significant sheep component as well as an increasing meat goat health program demand. Upland game birds and back yard flocks also require access to veterinary care in this area.

Elko Co is one of the cattle richest counties in the country. Stock and companion horses and small animals would also constitute a part of the veterinary practice in this area. There are no animal control agencies in the area other than in the town of Elko and assistance to the communities and rural areas under the rabies control program would very likely be part of the practice as well. A lot of the small farms and ranchettes have a selection of animals including back yard poultry, pigs, dairy cows, exotics and new world camelids. The large ranches mostly run beef cattle and own stock horses. There are several working horse breeders and trainers in the area as well.

Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 100 words or less).

The State Veterinarian's office has not been involved in recruitment efforts in the past.

Please describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being secured or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, state/insular area, nation, and/or international community (limit your response to 250 words or less).

Veterinary Services in the area are not expected to change without an incentive to move to the area. Many family ranches have sufficient to well maintained cattle handling facilities. Many of the operations moving in on pasture to pasture permit have minimal or no stock handling facilities.

A significant number of cats and dogs in the area remain unvaccinated or are late on re-vaccinations despite mandatory rabies vaccination in NV because owners are often not willing or able to travel the long distances to currently existing veterinary offices in Elko. There is a risk of loss of industry as the currently practicing veterinarians plan for retirement. During a disease outbreak in the area private practitioners will be essential in assisting in containing spread of contagious diseases.

(Optional) If the nominator wishes to specify a service time for this shortage situation that is higher than the minimum required for the shortage type checked on Page 1, please specify the percent time in the box below (based on a 40-hour work week). Leave the box blank if the service time for this shortage situation is for the minimum percent time of the shortage type indicated.

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**Minimum Service time required for each shortage type**

Type I: 80 percent time or 32 hours/week

Type II: 30 percent time or 12 hours/week

Type III: 49 percent time or 19.6 hours/week

SAHO nominator must check both boxes below in order for NIFA to consider this nomination for official designation

- X** By checking this box, I affirm that this form represents a nomination and is subject to NIFA review and approval.
- X** By checking this box, I affirm that it is my professional opinion that this is a bona fide food supply or public health-related veterinary shortage situation. I affirm due diligence has been invested to identify this area as a shortage situation of at least moderate priority (severity).

Authorized State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or designee:

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